

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-11. (Cancelled)**

**12. (Currently amended)** ~~A~~ An aqueous coating solution ~~composition for medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods, comprising (i) a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1 and (ii) a solvent,~~

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, ~~and~~

the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**13. (Cancelled)**

**14. (Currently amended)** ~~A~~ An aqueous coating solution ~~composition for medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods, comprising (i) a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1 and (ii) a solvent,~~

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**15-21. (Cancelled)**

**22. (Currently amended)** The aqueous coating composition solution according to claim 14, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**23-28. (Cancelled)**

**29. (Currently amended)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the ~~composition~~ aqueous coating solution according to claim 14.

**30. (Currently amended)** The aqueous coating composition solution according to claim 12, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**31. (Cancelled)**

**32. (Currently amended)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the ~~composition~~ aqueous coating solution according to claim 12.

**33. (Currently amended)** ~~A~~ An aqueous binder solution, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**34. (New)** An aqueous coating suspension, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer,

the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**35. (New)** The aqueous coating suspension to claim 34, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**36. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the aqueous coating suspension according to claim 34.

**37. (New)** An aqueous coating suspension, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**38. (New)** The aqueous coating suspension according to claim 37, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**39. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the aqueous coating suspension according to claim 37.

**40. (New)** An aqueous binder suspension comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**41. (New)** An organic solvent coating solution, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer,

the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**42. (New)** The organic solvent coating solution according to claim 41, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**43. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the organic solvent coating solution according to claim 41.

**44. (New)** An organic solvent coating solution, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**45. (New)** The organic solvent coating solution according to claim 44, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**46. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the organic solvent coating solution according to claim 44.

**47. (New)** An organic solvent binder solution comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**48. (New)** An organic solvent coating dispersion, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer,

the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**49. (New)** The organic solvent coating dispersion according to claim 48, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**50. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the organic solvent coating dispersion according to claim 48.

**51. (New)** An organic solvent coating dispersion, comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.

**52. (New)** The organic solvent coating dispersion according to claim 51, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**53. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the organic solvent coating dispersion according to claim 51.

**54. (New)** An organic solvent binder dispersion comprising a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol excludes a thiol-modified polyvinyl alcohol.